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All Sorts of Paragraphs

- ☛ History, says an essayist, is largely determined by locality.
- ☛ Eighty-five per cent of the Russian population are the peasantry.
- ☛ In Lexington, Ky., the best grade

1. Durham cows, with Calves, sell at \$50  
 2. each.

3. It is reported at Belgrade that there  
 4. great Russian military activity along the  
 5. Balkan.

6. The Empress Eugenie goes to Sa-  
 7. in February, and the Prince Imperial  
 8. will visit Russia.

9. An exchange thinks that the word  
 10. dodger" came from corn dodger. It came  
 11. from darn dodger.

12. The Utica ladies sent Roscoe Conk-  
 13. ling a greeting. There is nothing like be-  
 14. ing handsome.

15. The daughter of the President of  
 16. France is simply dressed as a fresh, sen-  
 17. sible looking girl.

18. Arnold, the writing fluid man, has  
 19. sold for \$1,000,000 by T. That's the kind of  
 20. a come-to by.

21. John Mahoney, the well known  
 22. cartoon leader, left Tuesday week at his  
 23. residence in New York.

24. The Arizona Legislature has ex-  
 25. ceptioned the Southern Pacific railway from  
 26. taxation for six years.


Col. Tom Scott has invited the Pennsylvania Editorial Association to visit Texas next summer.

**■** A Washington dispatch reports the serious illness of Hon. Lot M. Morrill, secretary of the Treasury.

**■** Texas Jack is in the dumps because the granjukealexis won't allow himself to be led into a buffalo hunt.

**■** The first gold discovered in California was at the foot of a hill.

man was pulling for greens.  
 1870 Supreme Justice Strong is a jolly, jovial man, with a little pink face, and his complexion as sweet as a nut.  
 1871 The Pope desires all the Cardinals to attend the next Consistory, which will be of extraordinary importance.  
 1872 The President has nominated Lucius C. Stevens for United States Attorney General for the Western district of Missouri.  
 1873 Jose Maria Iglesias, ex-Chief Justice of the Central Republic of Mexico, has been named as at the time the editor of a Mexican journal.  
 1874 Eph. Holland, charged with participating in November election frauds in Cincinnati, has been arrested in New York.  
 1875 General Sam. Curry is to lecture on the Times, their Cause and Remedy," at New Haven, Conn., on the 26th of this month.  
 1876 Judge Bradley of the Commission, owns and lives in the house in Washington

 Sir Titus Salt, the alpaca philanthropist had a two-mile long funeral.

the "Victoria, Empress," and not "Empress of India," is to be substituted for the words "Queen of India" on the coinage of that country.

• **Knappels & Co.**, toy dealers of Cincinnati, are expected to compromise at thirty cents on the dollar.

• **Boecher's** publishers, J. R. Ford and J. C. Boecher, of New York, who have come into bankruptcy with this time with liabilities of \$95,000 and assets \$84,000.

• **Miss Julia Gaylord**, an American entertainer, is noted for her beautiful voice and small feet. Her foot-notes must be very interesting.


• **The municipality of Paris** has given out orders for an immense barometer, the largest in the world. It will be placed near the central markets.


• **When he enters the Senate**, Judge Davis will probably occupy the large chair that was formerly occupied by the stalwart Daniel D. Pratt, of Indiana, when a Senator.


• **A London magistrate** has decided that the playing of a large organ in a public square is a nuisance, but that the playing of a small organ is not a nuisance, but not actionable.

• **The population of California**, increased by immigration last year 55,000— or 10 per cent.

• **The class of immigrants** most needed is farmers and stock raisers.

 The California friends of Dr. W. H. Jones, who went thence to Australia, have received letters saying that he had been eaten by New Guinea cannibals.

 Pipes for heating have been introduced into all the passenger cars of Alsace. In each compartment the heat can be regulated to suit the wish of the passengers.

 Maggie Mitchell had a narrow escape in St. Louis. As the curtain dropped, a chandelier fell, narrowly missing

her head, and making a hole in the stage by her.

THE Louisiana orange crop of last year is estimated to have been \$2,000,000, whereas the oranges would represent 700,000 trees, and worth about \$20,000 on an average.


Sir John Lubbock thinks that England has been at great expense for the benefit of her colonies, while the colonies have not contributed much toward England.


Whiteland Times: "Some people are so wrapped up in their own conceits that, like a clam, all the world seems dark to them only when they open the mouth."

Rev. Mr. Denton, who has traveled in European Turkey, says that in sixteenth century Mussulman population was so numerous that it was feared they would perish, and that only the Christian will remain.

A Norwegian poet named Andre Munch, has completed the translation of Tennyson's "Idylls of the King," and the poet has just made its appearance at Copenhagen.

Mrs. Kate Field has returned to the profession which she adorns. She is regularly engaged upon the staff of the literary and political weekly, the Examiner.

 The \$600 grasshopper prize offered by the Minnesota Legislature has inspired a genius who proposes to destroy the insects by raising a net by balloons a quarter of a mile apart.

 The Fresno (California) Exposition of the 17th inst. says that a flock of

geese, forming a solid columns of birds seven miles in length, passed over the town the day before.

**Mr.** Messrs. Lippincott & Co. of Philadelphia have purchased the entire series of Worcester's Dictionary, seven in number. The purchase includes both stereo plates and copyright.

**Mr.** C. M. Clay has been heard from on the electoral question. He thinks that it is only necessary for the successful candidate

to have a majority of the votes actually given, not of all the possible elector votes.











## Wit and Humor.

"I'll take the responsibility," as Jenks said when he held out his arms for the scolding wife.

"Woman, with all thy faults, I love thee still," was the reply of a husband to his scolding wife.

Spilkens always insists on spelling needle, needle. He says every needle should have an eye in it! Sew!

Simkins has found that the pleasantest way to take cod-liver oil is to fatten pigs with it, and then eat the pigs.

Distant Relations—People who imagine they have a right to rob you if you are rich, and to insult you if you are poor.

An Irishman being asked why he left his country for America, replied: "He wasn't for want; I had plenty of that at home."

There is only one objection to people who "mean well," and that is they never can spare time to carry out their meaning.

When you see a man on a moonlight night trying to convince his shadow, it is high time for him to join the temperance society.

How an old maid always eyes a single gentleman. She looks at him just as she does at a dog in dog days—wondering whether he intends to bite.

An editor describing a church in Minnesota, says: "No velvet cushions in our pews; we don't go in for style. The fat-test person has the softest seat."

AGRICULTURE—It is exceeding bad husbandry to harrow up the feelings of your wife, to rake up old quarrels, to have a grudge and to sow a discord.

UNAVAILING—"What say you to taking the veil?" said a Romanist to his young wife. "I am content," she replied, "provided you get me a new bonnet with it."

Isn't it very affecting to behold at a wedding the sorrowful air of a parent as he gives the bride away? When you know that for the last ten years he has been trying to get off his hands."

Professor Proctor says the moon is dead, and has been dead for years. Perhaps, says the Danbury News, it is the smell of its decomposition which led people to infer that it was made of cheese.

How is it, my dear, that you have never kindled a flame in the bosom of any man?" said an old lady to her pretty niece. "The reason, dear aunt," replied the young lady, "is as you well know, that I am not a good match."

## Knox County Farmer.

The Best Sheep for Farmers.

Farmers should breed sheep that produce heavy fleeces, and which are large, fat, easy, and sell readily to the butcher. There are thousands of sheep kept and every State in the Union that do not shear over four or five pounds, and coarse at that, while well-bred Merinos will range from 10 to 20 pounds, and Cotswolds often exceed these figures. There is but one way to make money in breeding sheep in these times, and that is to sell all of your "scrubs" to the butcher at any price he will give, and buy Merinos, Cotswolds, or Southdowns, the latter being the finest mutton in the world. A Kentucky stock breeder says: "What is true in regard to the improved breeds of sheep is also true of the breeds of cattle, hogs and poultry. In the process of these indispensable flocks the mass of the people should not handle scrub stock, and entertain an ignorant opposition to the improved breeds. There is one supreme reason for this. The mass of people do not read papers devoted to livestock interest, and are wholly ignorant of the vast progress that is being made by the more intelligent ranks of farmers. There are sections of Kentucky where the improved breeds of stock are almost unknown. It is only a small number of men who are alive to it, and keep themselves thoroughly posted in regard to the progress of agricultural science and the breeding of the best animals, while the masses remain in the old rut, following after the customs of a hundred years ago. If farmers would elevate their calling, and render it more remunerative, they must put themselves in living connection with the intellectual spirit of the age."

Watering Stock.

These same cattle were always well fed; that is, they had plenty of good hay and fodder—the cows were usually dry during the winter—but the effects of the want of sufficient water in the proper places and times was very observable in the condition of the stock every spring, and I have often heard the remark, "I do not see why Blank's cattle are so poor, as he always feeds them enough." Very different from this was it at a neighbor's near by. At this farm a log acqueduct carried spring water into a long trough in the yard, where the water seldom froze over, so that the cattle, whenever out in the yard, could take a drink of water any time, consequently they would never overheat, and he could feed and curried up. I have often watched the sheep, when taking their morning or evening meal of hay, run every few minutes to the water, drink a little, then go back to the hay and eat, and he could trot to the water again; and the crowd at the water-tub was fully equal to the crowd at the bar of one of our Pittsburg liquor saloons, but not so noisy.

For much cows in severe weather, it is better to give water with the chaff off if possible, and I always notice a falling off in our milk when the cows have to drink ice-cold water. It is a considerable shrinkage now that they have to go so far and then take ice-cold water.—Mirror and Farmer.

Fast Walking Horses.

It has been shown in these columns that the production of thoroughbred and trotting horses has been largely in excess of the death rate, and that as a necessary sequence the stock in the country is increasing from year to year, and that unless a foreign demand be created prices must inevitably decline. Breeders should therefore turn their attention more to the production of fast-walking horses, both for the saddle and general draught. The business would pay handsomely, for the utility and value of such horses would soon be properly appreciated, thus creating a steady demand, which would not likely be diminished, for the next half century at least. On the farm a slow-walking horse is not to do half work that a rapid walker is able to accomplish. In towns and cities where draught horses are used in the truck, cart, drag, &c., it is the same; not half the work is performed by the slow walker, who crawls along at a snail's pace, and, when drawing a load, cannot be galvanized into any motion. As a traveler, both under saddle and in harness, the slow walker is a nuisance. No matter what work he is engaged in, time and money are lost to his owner every day that he lives.

Shiftless System.

The losses which most reduce the farmers' profits are those which arise from missed opportunities, badly laid plans, want of preparation for possible contingencies, and other failures resulting from poor business habits. The husbandman, above all others, needs to take thought for the morrow. Harvesting, supply of tools, seed and other necessary things, should be considered beforehand. Perhaps the most serious wound a farmer thus inflicts upon himself arises from want of preparation for changes of weather during the growth of his crops, their harvesting, or for the winter care of his stock. Scientific farming, in its best sense, is neither more nor less than farming on the basis of the best possible plan.

## TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis R'y.

PAN-HANDLE ROUTE.

ON AND AFTER NOV. 25, 1876, TRAINS WILL RUN AS FOLLOWS:

EAST BOUND TRAINS.

Dresden J.	2:37 "	8:33 "	2:50 "	"
Coschocton.	3:06 "	9:02 "	3:13 "	"
Dennison..	4:15 "	10:20 "	4:25 "	7:40 "
Cadiz June	5:08 "	"	5:15 "	8:45 "
Steub'n'ie	5:53 "	"	6:05 "	6:50 "
Pittsburg..	7:45 "	"	7:50 "	9:30 "
Altoona...	12:25 AM	"	12:20 PM	"
Harrisburg	3:55 "	"	3:35 "	"
Baltimore..	7:45 "	"	7:35 "	"
Wash'g't'n	9:12 "	"	9:07 "	"
Philad'l'p'a	7:35 "	"	7:20 "	"
New York..	10:25 "	"	10:15 "	"
Boston.....	8:40 PM	"	8:45 PM	"